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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Judicial Election Requirements, CA ANALYST Cox

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	NFI		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of HVEC Amendment

The House Voters and Elections Committee amendment provides “clean-up” language.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Joint Resolution 5 seeks to amend Article 6, Section 35 of the Constitution of New Mexico relating to certain judicial offices and primary and general election procedures.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Joint Resolution 5 proposes an amendment to Article 6, Section 35 of the Constitution of New Mexico to allow certain judicial offices, filled by appointment, to serve at least one full year on the bench before an election is held to fill that office.

This Joint resolution must be approved by the Voters of New Mexico.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed joint resolution could help attract more qualified candidates as applicants for judgeships, knowing that they would serve at least one full year before they would have to seek election.

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